

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Stephen J. BROWN)	Examiner: C. L. Smith
Filed:	February 16, 2006)	Art Unit: 1631
Serial No.:	Divisional of 09/496,893)	Confirmation No: 6810
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)	
	IDENTIFYING DISEASE-)	
	INFLUENCING GENES)	

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Submission mailed September 15, 2005. This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

The Notice of Non-Responsive Submission was issued in regards to a Preliminary Amendment submitted on July 15, 2005, which was filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114. That Request for Continued Examination was filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2004 and in lieu of the Notice of Appeal filed April 18, 2005. The July 15, 2005 submissions included a Request for Extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and the appropriate fees. The filing of the Request

for Continued Examination should be construed as request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution of the pending application. (MPEP 706.07(g)).

Claims Amendments and Listing begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Please amend the application as follows: